

# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C 16th - 17th November 2019

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:19-20

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:5-9

R/ The Lord comes to earth to rule with justice.

**Second Reading:** 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** Luke 21:28

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 21:5-19

*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord

## Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

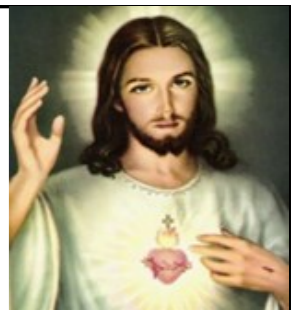
**Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**



# Sacred Heart Parish Preston

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### Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

### Priest in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

**Parish Office:** Cristina Agius

**School Principal:** Mark Tierney

**School Phone:** 9487 1001

### Sacrament Co-ordinator:

Judeline Wadhvani

### Child Safety Officers:

Belinda Cooney: 0433 579 640

Kay Dufty: 0431 376 212

Sharron Kotz: 0449 103 943

### Child Safety Committee:

Belinda Cooney, Teresa Dang,

Kay Dufty, Robert Dullard (Chair),

Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz,

Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

### Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Tony Eley,

Gerard Grant, Ophelia Swai,

Anisasio (Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney, Ben Fortuna, Solo-

mon Konchakara, Natalie Baran

### St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

## Parish Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses:

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

### Weekday Masses:

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of  
the month at 1.30pm

### Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after  
9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (Eng) &  
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

### Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 16th - 17th November 2019

### Your Endurance Will Win You Your Lives

The Gospel this week is unsettling if read as a description for the end of the world and what will be the signs of the last days. Every natural and human disaster like the devastating bushfires raging across our land; concerted acts of aggression and violence, the prediction of extreme consequences of global warming - all these, throughout history have aroused despair and fear that the 'end' is near. On the other hand they can also motivate human beings to heroic acts of compassion and solidarity that save lives.

Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel occurs in Jerusalem, prior to events leading to his crucifixion. His predictions are disturbing. The language is apocalyptic, symbolic, depicting current circumstances but designed to give hope to early Christian communities presently threatened with persecution and expulsion from the synagogues for their faith in Jesus as the messiah to come.

Jesus also predicts the destruction of the Jerusalem temple by the Romans and thousands of people will be martyred or forced into exile. This will be a divesting blow to the Jewish cultural and religious identity. Luke encourages the Christians to persevere and not to lose hope. The good news is that though they will experience upheaval, they must never lose hope in the faithfulness and mercy of God, to bring salvation to those who remain faithful.

In life, situations of destruction are always devastating but not the end. Out of destructive bushfires springs new vegetation, the determination to rebuild and appreciate every moment of existence. From human damage of the natural environments emerge new drives to respect and preserve life. From the horrifying realisation of the genocide of peoples in times of war, came the recognition and declaration of universal human rights in the resolution: "Never again!!!" From the revelation of abuse of the young and innocent, rise courageous survivors and advocates determined to create communities in which the vulnerable will be protected.

In all times, we are called through Jesus to be witness in heart, word and deed to God's merciful love for all of creation. On this World Day of the Poor, as we give thanks for those who dedicate their lives to bring relief to our brothers and sisters suffering various forms of poverty, isolation and exile, let us pray that the Spirit of God will enable us to love, not in word, but in deed.





*We proclaim a crucified Christ*  
1Cor12:2

12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

To all those facing the uncertainty, danger and devastation of the fires to the north, please know that you are in our heartfelt prayers. We ask the Holy Spirit to bring renewed courage and strength to those who give so much of themselves at these critical times - our people at the fire fronts, those ministering and attending the injured, those caring for the homeless and displaced, those who will continue to bring support long after the last ember has gone out. We place our trust in the Lord, to shelter and protect our loved ones, friends, and all those who need your help.

St Vincent de Paul are on the ground throughout our communities providing support in those life-giving ways that people need in times of disaster and tragedy. May I encourage our people of Melbourne and beyond to support the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal through [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or through your local parish.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

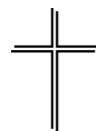
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
Archbishop of Melbourne

### Dates to Remember

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** Children's Liturgy - 10.30am

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November:** Christ the King



**Today there is a special collection for:**

**Catholic Deaf**

### Last Week's Collection: 10/11/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1281.00

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$822.05

Collection for Fr. Anthony: \$930.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### World Day of the Poor

The third World Day of the Poor, which is observed on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, focuses on the theme "the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever".

Taken from the Book of Psalms, Pope Francis said those words "express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life".

Today, too, Pope Francis says: "we must acknowledge many new forms of bondage that enslave millions of men, women, young people and children". Daily we encounter families forced to leave their homeland to seek a living elsewhere; orphans who have lost their parents or were violently torn from them by brutal means of exploitation; young people seeking professional fulfilment but prevented from employment by short-sighted economic policies; victims of different kinds of violence, ranging from prostitution to the narcotics trade, and profoundly demeaned. How can we overlook, too, the millions of immigrants who fall victim to any number of concealed interests, often exploited for political advantage, and are refused solidarity and equality? And all the homeless and ostracised persons who roam the streets of our cities?"

Parramatta Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, paid tribute to the thousands upon thousands who volunteer in Catholic organisations across Australia to assist those in need. "They work in our jails, in charitable organisations with those who have fallen on hard times, and they help the most vulnerable members of our community," Bishop Long stated. For this third World Day of the Poor, we say thank you to each and every one of our volunteers. Know that your work is bringing hope to the lives of the poor and poor in spirit.



### Fr Anthony First Mass

Last Sunday evening Fr Anthony Chanthavong, SVD celebrated his First Mass at Sacred Heart. Our church was filled with parishioners and visitors from Melbourne and beyond. 18 priests concelebrated with Fr Anthony. The celebration was a very prayerful event. Many commended our parish for the participation in praying and singing together.

Fr Anthony expressed his gratitude to our parish for being accepted, supported and encouraged during his diaconate ministry this year. His First Mass was also his last at Sacred Heart (at least for some time).

The Mass was followed by a reception at the Parish Hall. About 180 people came to share food and friendship with one another. Many thanks to all who contributed food, drinks and sweets and to the volunteers who served at the event.

Fr Anthony has been assigned to Thailand and after his holidays in Laos he will move there. Our prayers and best wishes to him. May the Lord bless him and to the people he will minister.

### Advent Reflections

Advent, Lent and Easter are times in the Church when Christians gather to pray, share and reflect on the Gospels of the seasons. We encourage our parishioners to join a group that will meet once a week during the time of Advent. Interested persons are invited to sign their name on a paper in the church foyer, indicating their willingness and availability to attend such a group.

### RED Wednesday Mass for Persecuted Christians

You are warmly invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 12 noon. This Mass is to pray for Persecuted Christians around the world.

St Mary of the Cross Chapel, ACU, 8 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

Mark Clarke, Exec Officer, Office for Justice & Peace

RSVP: by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au)

### Catholic Social Ministry Conference

When: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 9am-5.30pm

Where: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

The conference will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences about the nature, functions and priorities of Catholic Social Ministry. Social ministry is broadly defined: it covers the better known and established ministries in social services and health and a wide range of less structured activities designed to further help the poor and marginalised and to promote social justice. It includes Parish Social Ministry, which covers the wide range of social action that can be undertaken at the local parish level.

Cost: \$25

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/BFYRO>

Enquiries: **Huong Nguyen 9287 5566**

or [huong.nguyen@css.org.au](mailto:huong.nguyen@css.org.au) RSVP: 20<sup>th</sup> November

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Parents are most welcome. Very young children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Term 4 Children's Liturgy** will run every Sunday morning until 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2019



### Roster for weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

	Readers	Ministers
<b>Sat 6.00pm</b>	Marlene Vergou Renato Tonini	Peter Bourke Terry Murphy
<b>Sun 9.00am (Italian)</b>	Mancini M.	Bozzella C. Pavan M.
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ivana Lo Bello Mata Vaiau	Eileen Stevens Tony Eley
<b>Sun 6.00pm</b>	Peter Constable Tim Rankin	Sharron Kotz Margaret Rankin

### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

**Charmaine Nuqui**



Those who have died recently

**Raffaella Scarcella**

We Commemorate

**John & Rae Bourke, Michela Centorbi (1<sup>st</sup> Anni.),**

**Anne Macintosh, Duilio Malavisi,**

**Fr. Rocco Monteleone, Vincenza Torzillo,**

**Vittorio Torzillo, Assunta Tosello,**

**Mario Viceconte and all deceased members of the**

**Bozzella, Ciancio, De Grandis, Fiorenti, Maiolo,**

**Monteleone, Recchia & Zaffino families.**

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.


### Interfaith Dialogue

The first session of Interfaith Dialogue will be held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15 – 8.30 pm in the Presbytery. We will begin our series of meetings with the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. There will be a short presentation from members of the Church and much time for Q & A and informal dialogue and refreshments. Please inform Fr Jan after Masses if you would like to attend.

### Free online Advent Resource

St Columbans Mission Society has produced an Advent resource 'Lead kindly light' for the four Sundays in November/December (Year A). The resource was inspired by the hymn 'Lead kindly light' by John Henry Cardinal Newman who wrote it after a life seeking on-going conversion. The resource is an aid to Catholic teaching during the liturgical season of Advent. Suitable for parishes, schools, youth groups, religious congregations and social justice and community groups. The resource can be found at: <https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/advent-catholic-resource-lead-kindly-light-year-a>

### A Profoundly Rewarding Mission

Working in Education, Health and Trades? Assist to  **Palms Australia** Reach Beyond reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured! **There are five places left** on Palms Australia's January 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Orientation Course. You must apply now for a [position](#) beginning any time in 2020. **Call or text 04224PALMS (78567) (Mon-Fri).** [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019

**Lucy/Neschelle**

Thank you for your help!

